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SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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PIERCE COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY (G-72-6a)

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1. **NAME**
Historic: Roy City Hall Building 28659
and/or Common:

2. **LOCATION**
Street & Number: Northeast corner of McNaught and Third Street
UTM References: Fort Lewis 1:24000
Zone 10 Easting 534810
Northing 5205340
- not for publication
City, Town: Roy - vicinity of
State: Washington
County: Pierce

3. **CLASSIFICATION**

Ownership:	public	private	both		
Status:	occupied	unoccupied	work in progress		
Present Use:	agriculture	commercial	educational	entertainment	government
	industrial	military	museum	park	private residence
	religious	scientific	transportation	other:	

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
Name: Town of Roy
Street & Number: McNaught and Third Street
City, Town: Roy - vicinity of
State: Washington

5. **MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"Roy, Farming Community That Has Become a Suburb." Seattle Times, November 24, 1963.
Lucile McDonald and Werner Leggenhager. The Look of Old Washington. Seattle, Superior Publishing Company, 1971.
"If You're Planning a Trip to Roy." Tacoma News Tribune, August 18, 1978.
Walter Kunschak. The History of Roy, Washington. Tacoma, Washington, Pacific Lutheran University, 1959.

6. **FORM PREPARED BY**
Name/Title: Caroline Gallacci
Organization: Office of Community Development
Date: December, 1981
Street & Number: 2401 South 35th Street
Telephone: 593-4003
City or Town: Tacoma
State: WA 98409

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7. **DESCRIPTION**

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed

Circle one: unaltered altered

Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the pres

A one and two story wood frame building with gabled roofs and two capped false fronts. The bell tower has a hipped roof with truncated true arch openings. The facade has been altered. There are brackets on the second story false fron and exposed rafter tails along the one story side. Originally there were one over one double hung windows on the second story front. Two over head sliding doors were in the single story part and a portion of the larger building. The left side of the facade had a four over three over three casement window and was flanked by two doors.

Acreage:

8. **SIGNIFICANCE**

Specific dates 1914

Builder/Architect C.C. Moore, Builder

a. History In 1914 the Roy Council voted to build a city hall which would also serve as a firehouse and jail. Eventually too the city library was housed in the building. The project was financed through bonds valued at thirteen hundred dollars. Lot three of block three of McNaught's First Addition was purchased as the site for the proposed building. C.C. Moore received the bid to build the city hall and the project was completed by June 29, 1914.

b. Evaluation of Significance The properties identified through the Cultural Resource Survey are representative of the significance of Roy as a small town which developed to serve farmers living in the surrounding countryside. In 1884, James F. McNaught platted his homestead, through which the Northern Pacific Railroad Kalama-to-Tacoma line passed and named the town Roy after his son. By the end of the year a post office had been established. Gradually, a small town evolved at the site and businesses, as well as social and cultural organizations were established to serve the many farm settlements in the area. Roy was incorporated on January 13, 1908. In 1917, the importance of the town as a farming center was altered by the establishment of the Fort Lewis Military Reservation, which borders on the north and west, and which absorbed much of the farm land. By this time too, the Northern Pacific Railroad had re-routed its line thus eliminating Roy as a major stop. The properties included in the Roy inventory illustrate activities which occurred before modern events changed the character of the town.

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INVENTORY FORM

V. Political
d. Local

The Washington State Inventory of Historic Places

NAME

COMMON: Roy City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Roy

COUNTY: Pierce

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☑ Unrestricted ☐ No

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION (Check One): ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One): ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One): ☐ Moved ☑ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Describe briefly on the back; attach a small photo.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Probably constructed 1880's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☐ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Historic	☐ Industry	☐ Science	
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Sculpture	
☐ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Social/Humanitarian	
☐ Art	☐ Literature	☐ Theater	
☐ Commerce	☐ Military	☐ Transportation	
☐ Communications	☑ Music		
☐ Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Briefly describe the significance on the back.

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Washington State Historic Preservation Inventory Project

ORGANIZATION: Washington State University

DATE: Jan. 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Pullman 99163

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The inventory of historic places is an attempt to develop a catalog of all properties in the state that demonstrate a contribution to our present by peoples of the past. It is a basic part of the State Historic Preservation Plan that can tell planners, engineers, government officials and others what features in our cities, towns and rural areas they should be aware of as they develop new projects. The inventory form is not a substitute for a nomination to the National or State Registers of Historic Places but it will alert the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation staff to potential nominations and their locations; it will enable the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to more effectively assist you in the preparation of actual nominations.

No one knows how many historic sites there are in Washington; that is one of the purposes of the inventory; There are certainly thousands and, consequently, the inventory will be in progress for several years. Eligible properties are those which bear the mark of man: houses, commercial buildings, mines, vessels, archaeological sites and the sites of historic events, transportation facilities -- virtually any evident structure, object or site that has played a part in our collective heritage. Generally, properties less than 50 years will not be a part of the inventory.

Send the completed form to: Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
Washington State Parks
P.O. Box 1128
Olympia, Washington 98504

DESCRIPTION:

The town hall at Roy in Pierce County is a two-story wood frame building with a gable roof, shiplap siding, a false front, and a bell tower. Decorative brackets along the eave of the false front provide the only woodwork decoration. A large automobile door on the ground floor dates from the time when the building housed the town fire station.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This modest city hall is one of the oldest municipal buildings in Washington. The building reflects early concepts of what civic architecture should be.

REFERENCE:

Lucile McDonald and Werner Lenggenhager, The Look of Old Time Washington (Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1971), pp. 96-97.